

THE RED CROSS WANTS ALL OUR NAMES ON ITS ROLL

The American Red Cross is asking every man, woman and child to become a member of its organization at Christmas. Membership is only a dollar a year.

Surely it were an ungrateful and unimaginative person who will not respond to the appeal of the Greatest Mother of Them All.

For the Red Cross never swerved in all the years of war. It hurried to the relief not only of war sufferers, but of people bowed down by famine, pestilence and flood. In the recent epidemic of influenza it was an angel of practical mercy. It has gone into the waste places of the earth and taken succor to men forgotten by humanity. It has taken manna to starving thousands.

But its biggest service, of course, has been in the war. Its myriad hands, those of the consecrated women who nursed and the others who worked unremittingly making bandages and garments for hospital use, healed whatever they touched. Many of the shiploads of wounded boys who are invalided home, thousands of those who will come home in the glad months to come, are alive only because the Red Cross would not permit them to slip into the great immensities when their tired souls ebbed at the edge of the far countries. The letters which you received from your soldier were written on stationery provided for him at a place where Red Cross lives were risked in the providing.

The story of the heroism of the Red Cross will never be told for the reason that it so far-reaching, that the tale would unfold into eternity. Its very fundation is service. The debt which America and the Allied powers owe to its beneficence can never be liquidated.

Now it asks, not contributions, not subscriptions, but memberships. It would have its embracing arms about an entire nation united in what President Wilson has called the great comradeship.

It would have every one understand its spirit of cooperation, of mutual help, of humaneness. And one may not understand that spirit unless one is of it. To be a component of the great comradeship is to place one's self in a position where one may feel its kindness radiating from center to circumference, and back again to the center.

It is not enough to be able to say, "I gave to the Red Cross." How much more satisfactory to be able to say, "I am the Red Cross," for a member is a part of the whole as the drop is to the ocean.

To give a dollar at Christmas, on the birthday of the Man who preached the gospel of humaneness, to the organization which served and saved innumerable lives is but a meager manner of expressing one's gratitude, first that the war is over, and secondly that it is ended so gloriously and with so little loss of lives in America.

The work of the Red Cross is not ended with that of the fighters and the peacemakers. It's big work is really but beginning. It must now turn to the stricken lands where flame and scourge were abroad last Christmas and rebuild, literally, from the blood-soaked soil upward. It must feed little children whose fathers lie under that soil, and it must give hope to the mothers of those children. It must provide food and clothing and establish the means of livelihood to those who must take up the burden of life as it was interrupted more than four years ago.

And all the American Red Cross is asking at this happiest Yuletide in many years is that each person who raises his eyes to heaven and says, "Thank God the war is over," will manifest his thankfulness by giving a dollar for a membership in the Comradeship.

FURNITURE CONSERVATION SCHEDULE BEEN RESCINDED

The War Industries Board announces that the furniture conservation schedule, which was to go into effect January 1, has been rescinded. This action has been taken because there no longer exists the pressing and imperative necessity for the conservation of material, labor, and transportation for strictly war needs.

The freeing of the furniture industry from the conservation restrictions and the raising of the barrier against the semiannual furniture exhibit, which is a feature of the furniture trade, announced by the War Industries Board last week, will enable the furniture industry, it is believed, to get back quickly on a normal basis.

The schedule applied to the manufacture of bedroom, dining room and upholstered furniture, chairs, parlor frames, extensions, library, parlor and bedroom tables. Active patterns were reduced 50 per cent, and no new patterns were to be introduced during the war. Beveled mirrors plate reduced 25 per cent and dining room arm-chairs and toilet table chairs discontinued. Metal ornamental tacks and nails, metal ornamental trimmings, and metal wheel castors were eliminated. There were detailed instructions for packing furniture worked out with a view of protecting the furniture and saving transportation space and lumber.

Don't be a quitter—Buy your quota. Each person is asked to take at least \$20 worth of War Savings Stamps in 1918. How many have you?



This used to be the Bridge Club

—and many a jolly afternoon they had, too, with their aces, and hearts, and jacks, and trumps.

Then the war came!

Brothers, husbands, sons, sweethearts left home to be aces of the air, jacks of the navy or trumps of the American Army.

The afternoon meetings continued—but the scenes changed to Red Cross workrooms. And serious, busy fingers of hundreds of thousands of patriotic American women worked day in and day out to alleviate the suffering of their loved ones, and yours, too, who responded so gallantly to the country's needs.

They gave their time, and energy, and

devotion to the Red Cross cause of humanity, without stint or murmur—their work has been one of the finest, most enduring examples of unselfish service of America's whole war experience.

Those wonderful women have made the foundation of future Red Cross work, in a big way, possible. That work must go on, of course—as long as American soldiers are over the sea the Red Cross is necessary—as long as emergency relief work needs to be done.

And now comes your turn to make the carrying on of the Red Cross work a certainty—none of your time is asked for no special effort—just the support of your membership.

Join the Red Cross
—all you need is a heart and a dollar

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ARMENIANS AND SYRIANS NEED RELIEF BADLY

Reports from Syria, Persia and Palestine carry information that scores of Armenian and Syrian refugees, in various stages of starvation, have fallen easy victims of influenza, increasing the problems of the relief workers who assert that with the opening up of Turkey since the war, hundreds of thousands of additional refugees are within reach of aid.

To feed and clothe these people, to make them self supporting, is the gigantic task before the American people today. The American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief is meeting the situation as nobly as it can with the limited funds at its command. Money is needed to give necessary food to thousands of mothers and children made homeless by the Turks. It is stated that human beings have

become as Oriental street dogs, with whom they compete for refuse. They eat grass, live under stones in indescribable rags, starving, filthy, sick and dying. The story of Armenia is one of suffering, persecution, destitution and degradation. It is estimated that \$30,000,000 is needed immediately for the relief of these people and a drive for this sum will be made during the week of January 12.

War Savings Stamps—the best investment—are found on sale at Post-office and banks and many stores. They are easy to buy and make profitable saving equally easy. Just as good as gold and bear interest besides.

Lend your savings to the government. They are needed to keep the arm and navy on the job to see that peace terms are enforced. That is the reason why you should buy War Savings Stamps.

NIGHT MESSAGE RATES FOR PACIFIC COAST

While other sections of the country have always had the benefit of a reduced rate for short over-night messages without restriction, the Pacific Coast has never had the benefit of night message rates except to comparatively nearby points. This has now been corrected by Postmaster General Burleson who has ordered that effective January 1st a universal system of night messages at greatly reduced rates shall obtain in all parts of the country. Manager I. J. Whitney of the local Western Union office advises that under the new schedule of night message rates the people of the Pacific coast will have a rate as low as 50c for messages of ten words to New York City and other places on the Atlantic Seaboard, with an added charge of only 2c per word for additional

words. To Chicago where the night messages rate has been 60c and 4c for each additional word the new tariff is only 45c plus 2c for additional words, while corresponding reductions are made throughout the system. To nearby points the minimum rate is reduced from 25c to 20c.

There is a very large and constantly increasing need for quick communication across the continent which this new system of short over-night letters at cheap rates is well designed to meet. It should prove a great boon to business interests on the Pacific Coast, by bringing them into close touch with all parts of the country at a very low cost.

METALS REPORT READY.

The Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, has now available for distribution its annual statement on silver, copper, lead and zinc in the Central States in 1917.

PASSING THROUGH

F. S. Dickenson, the well known cattle and sheepman of Seligman, Arizona, passed through Kingman last Sunday on his way to Los Angeles, where he will spend the winter with his family. Mr. Dickenson reports the roads east of the Mohave county line in an abominable condition. He had to help out tourists who got stuck in the mud south of Nelson.

We must keep our army equipped to enforce the terms of peace. War Savings Stamps help to pay the price of safety. Do your share and buy them.

Five dollars in gold for \$4.23—a real bargain sale. Baby Bonds cost \$4.23 and in four years are worth \$5. in gold to any holder. Think it over.

Do your "Two-Bits" today. Buy at least one Thrift Stamp and help to pay for the war.